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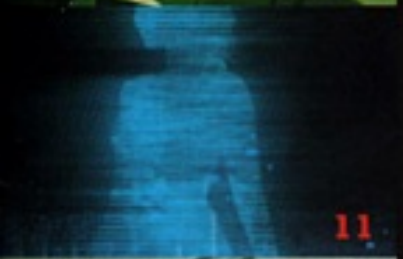

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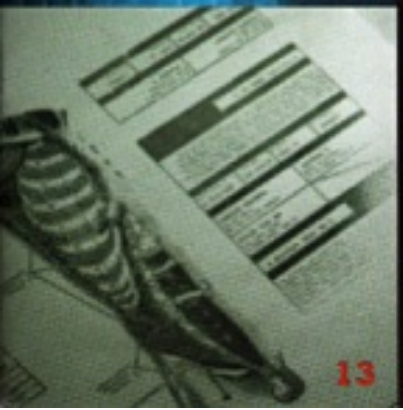

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ARTIFACT ON THE MOON

Concealed Truth Artifact is Discovered on the Moon

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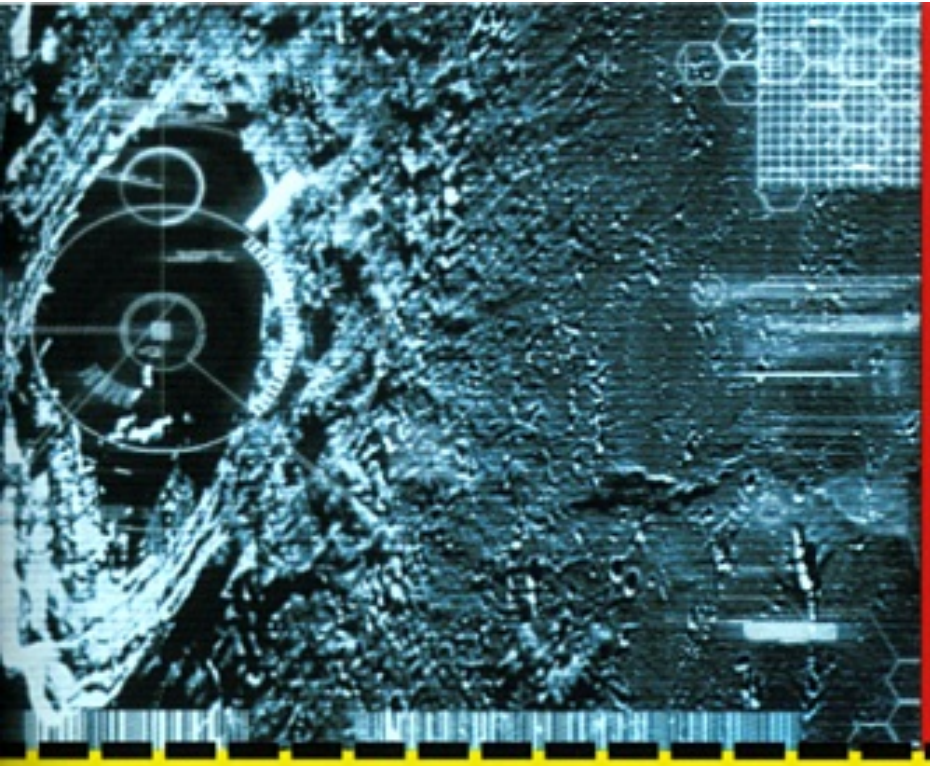
Moon Investigation Secretly Conducted

Shortly after NERO*1 was established, 45 affiliated countries abandoned space and moon development to work in cooperation with each other. However, the data mining team operating from Bangladesh, currently in operation for the Liberation Front in the Middle East, discovered that there is some sort of organization conducting a Moon investigation based in Akalabeth, the abandoned base that was used for searching lunar resources until 2010. Due to the fact that major data jamming occurred while the mining reports were been sent to our company, the whole truth is unknown. But, one of the fragmented pieces of information indicated there was a high possibility of Western European plutocracy involvement in the Moon investigation being conducted in Akalabeth.

After that, the headquarters office of hacking & cracking was tracked down by US-England-Indian allied forces and collapsed by massive airstrike."2

Looking at these facts, the allegation which Western European plutocracy is exclusively preserving the space development technology by setting it under seal is becoming more believable.



*1 North Earth Resource Organization (NERO). It is an organization that was established in 2015 and consists of 45 affiliated countries under the Western European plutocracy. Its purpose is to restrict mining and the use of natural resources on Earth as well as the Moon, and they are known for aiming for a thorough restriction of space development. Due to the fact that the primary countries of The Northern Hemisphere are affiliated with it, nearly all of the mining activity of natural resources on Earth is managed under NERO.

*2 As you already know, the United States of America, the Kingdom of England, and the Republic of India have built strong alliances with the Western European plutocracy, and they supply the major parts of NERO's military force.

Since new launch has been prohibited in 2015, any orbital satellites are operated via Western European plutocracy's network censorship,*3 so it is impossible for us to observe the moon' s surface. An incident at this time indicated a dogmatic side of Western European plutocracy who approves to seal technology and claims that they're contributing their efforts for world stability.

With the announcement about hacking & cracking, Anti-NERO alliance, consisted of 68 countries, raised denunciation against NERO.
However, NERO kept silence about it. Instead, NERO passed a resolution by carrying out commercial restriction to Anti-NERO as sanctions for anti-peacekeeping operations where anti-NERO continued accusing NERO for no reasons.

Also, over the 100 public research agencies got accused for violation of an international agreement 404,*4 and harsh measures were taken against it.*5 In other words, any arguments were suppressed.

To some extent, our editorial department has strong evidence of things Western European plutocracy discovered on the moon's surface based on the fragmented information that was provided by the data mining team of hacking & cracking who was resolutely prepared. I would like to present that here.

Discovery of the Giant Vertical Cave and Crystal Lode Under the Surface of the Moon

The Akalabeth expedition team discovered the giant vertical cave at a depth of several kilometers. What they discovered inside the vertical cave, which looks like a tunnel drilled into the Moon, was an enormous, pure photonic crystal.*6 According to measurements, the diameter is as much as 30km, and if that is true, the Moon is composed entirely of a giant photonic crystal, just below the surface.

The Western European plutocracy stipulated this huge photonic crystal, in other words the Moon itself, as a designated sealing matter. An odd decision, for even those of us who are citizens of NERO countries are not permitted to talk about "the Moon" due to International Agreement 404.

According to their analysis, this huge chunk of photonic crystal is a pseudo-quantum computer – essentially a super computer possessing immeasurable processing capacity.

Most of the development of super computers was halted and shifted to cloud computing in 2010; however, even with the entire computer network on Earth combined, this pseudo-quantum computer has an incredibly more advanced capability. It is still unknown who built this giant photonic crystal. The Western European plutocracy may already know the truth, but we couldn't get any clues out of the report left by the data mining team.

The Western European plutocracy may already know the truth, but we couldn't get any clues out of the report left by the data mining team. The plutocracy calls the pseudo-quantum computer, aka the Moon, by the name "Holy Grail."

The Eyes of God, the Holy Grail

The "Holy Grail" seems to scan the entire Earth once every nanosecond and saves the scanning results in its database. It is unknown when the "Holy Grail" started operating, as the constitutive substances are at least older than the Moon itself,*7 and it seems to have been created about 4.6 billion years ago.*8 That is, it is the oldest thing within the solar system and is considered the Eyes of God, as it continues to observe the Earth since its creation.

Unfortunately, we couldn't get any more information on it other than what was in the analysis report the data mining team left to us. However, by looking at the aftermath and the reactions of NERO countries under the Western European plutocracy, we can say it is highly accurate about the Moon investigation and subsequent discovery of the "Holy Grail" by the plutocracy. Our magazine has already been sued by the Western European plutocracy 651 times, and I am sure we' ll be sued for this announcement, too.

Practically speaking, it is extremely difficult to know the truth while space development is frozen because all information is controlled by the Western European plutocracy. However, we would like you to not forget that we humans can stay true to our nature by trying to know the truth.

Someday, someone will discover the whole picture, encompassing all of the major incidents of human history, and we pray that truth and hope will come to this world tightly managed and censored by the Western European plutocracy.

*3 It is not easy to avoid censorship by INQ-EXIT, the censorship system, as it is mandatory to be run in all data centers. It has been a while since it is decided that communication via non-INQ-EXIT violates International Agreement 404, and whoever conducted it will be punished.

*4 International Agreement 404. It is also called designated sealing. In this agreement, the Western European plutocracy has authority to determine items or topics for sealing, and with the approval of NERO countries, it goes into effect. Practically speaking, this agreement where any sort of contact, research, analysis, and mentioning to the objects are prohibited is considered as designated sealing.

*5 It is said that the reason the US federal prisons executed all their death-row inmates at once was to secure the space to imprison the agreement violators en-mass.

*6 Nanostructure of the optical refractive index of the crystal changes periodically. It is constructed so that the photoconductivity of the crystal can be manipulated, and by applying it to technology it is possible to manufacture a quantum computer which uses light as a medium. Although development was carried out in the beginning of the 21st century, the largest successful crystallization size was less than several centimeters until the Moon discovery. The giant photonic crystal in the Moon is both a resonator of light, as well as a super computer that has a huge and complicated nanoscale structure complete with waveguide.

*7 By looking at radiometric dating of the rocks from the Moon, the Moon is considered to be formed around 4.5 billion years ago.

*8 By looking at radiometric dating, it started forming about 460 million years ago.

Conflict of WIZARDS

WAR OF THE MAGI
An Outbreak of Holy Grail War!?

Recently, the words "Holy Grail War" have been floating around. Our magazine's November 2031 issue covered the Western European plutocracy's objectionable dealings with the Moon investigation and subsequently located artifacts.
Although it is relatively current news, the discovery of the "Holy Grail" shocked the world... and still new developments are unfolding.

The press conference of Shinji Matou, game champion of Asia, was held inside his castle within virtual space.

The Earth Connecting to the Moon

It is still unknown who built and entombed the "Holy Grail" deep underground inside the Moon. The only thing for certain is that it is an enormous database of super high density that continues recording and saving data from Earth since even before prehistoric human history like the Eyes of God,"[1] and also possesses ultrahigh-performance pseudo-intelligence that can affect self-directive actions from outside the world."[2]

Observed Abnormal Phenomenon

Around the same time as the Western European plutocracy's discovery of the "Holy Grail," an abnormal phenomenon was observed on the networks. It was over such a short amount of time that it was barely possible to detect, but an incident where a large amount of unknown connections occurred on the networks of the entire world and many network services were overtaken. For a brief time, the report that claimed that the incident was due to reverse access from the "Holy Grail" on the Moon to the networks on Earth was immediately spread on the news sites, but because censorship came in right after, those news reports were deleted.

Continued "Virtual Death"

Afterward, there were many incidents where famous hackers suddenly went missing all over the world. Many of those hackers were later found dead, and this news still is fresh in our minds. This incident was initially considered as an act of terrorism by the Western European plutocracy, but it became apparent that it was solely the virtual deaths of the hackers themselves.

All of the hackers who went missing were found dead, either at their workplace or home. All of them died from a heart attack, with the causes still being unclear. However, after analyzing the logs of their access terminals for the networks that they were using, we discovered that they were trying to virtualize their souls."[3] Following a judge-ordered autopsy, we also found out that their heart attacks occurred as a result of them having severe damage done to their cranial nerve. Soul virtualization is a type of technology that is still under study, but it is said that a certain kind of people... who have the ability to break their souls down into data are able to take the proper steps to accomplish soul virtualization.

As he updated his blog right after being discharged from hospital, he's not in serious condition. But there is his statement which caught our eyes...

Shinji Matou, the Game Champion in Asia

In the meantime, currently in the news is the fact that Shinji Matou,"4 known as the game champion in Asia, was hospitalized for poor physical condition. He had stayed continuously logged into the virtual world for 78 hours, and it caused somasthenia. After he was discharged from the hospital, an interesting note was found on his updated personal blog. It read, "The Holy Grail will be mine."

Western European Plutocracy Increases Their Censorship

The timing of Shinji's return from the virtual world is circumspect, as we can say that the Western European plutocracy has since increased their network censorship"5 even further. Shinji Matou is currently successfully avoiding prosecution from the plutocracy, but many other hackers have been arrested and put in jail. International Agreement 404 forbids access to unauthorized information and stipulates criminal punishment with extralegal measures. It oppresses freedom of speech across the entire world, which in turn has resulted in an increase in the number of those who would find out the inconvenient truth of the Western European plutocracy. However, we can see how frustrated the plutocracy is in their thoroughness in upholding the International Agreement.

Rin Tosaka, Hero of the Resistance Liberation Front

Rin Tosaka, known as a hero of the Liberation Front (Resistance), made a strange statement during our interview with her. For further details, I would like you to refer to her interview, but she clearly states "the Holy Grail War has begun." The "Holy Grail" is the pseudo-quantum computer beneath the surface of the Moon that exceeds humanity's understanding. We are wondering if the "Holy Grail War" is possibly an underground war over ownership of that which has been owned by no one. It is not easy to find out the truth, as any sort of news related to the "Holy Grail" is suppressed, but we would like to end this article with a summary of what we've acquired.

Education is Even Censored

The Second University of Tokyo, the most advanced technology and information lab in the world is famous for its network research. In this lab, specialized research about soul virtualization in chemistry is underway. Although I have written it is required to have special talent to break the soul down into data, there are only a handful of people who possess that ability throughout the world. Among the lists of the test subjects, there were names of those who possess the talent to virtualize souls."6 According to our research, the names on the list and the names of the hackers who were charged and arrested by the Western European plutocracy matched 97.2%.

In other words, we assume the Western European plutocracy was trying to shut off any access to the "Holy Grail" by containing magi who have the skills to make souls virtualize.

Most of the truth is buried, and those who have the ability to access to the "Holy Grail" are also to be eliminated by the plutocracy. What is the truth that they are trying to hide? We will keep our eyes on the heart of the events surrounding the "Holy Grail," shed the cover off the Western European plutocracy's tyrannical regulation of information, and deliver the truth to our readers.

Explanation of pictures

*1 According to research, the observed processing and computing capacity of Moon Cell Automaton is immeasurable, but at least we are positive that it's got the way bigger memory capacity than the memory capacity of all existing digital media combined. *2 After Western European plutocracy's discovery, censorship system for the entire network on the earth was jammed because it received hacking from Moon Cell Automaton. Within less than 2 seconds, communication pathway (path) was successfully made between the entire system in the world and Moon Cell Automaton, and condition where anyone can login as long as there is a way to login was made. Because Moon Cell Automaton has done the action within less than 2 seconds, we can assume it has something like pseudo-intelligence which possesses the wisdom that humanity can't even measure. Hacking seems to be done via the geostationary satellite that was managed by Western European plutocracy. *3 Souls, the true nature of things, and things which qualia are digitized. Frankly speaking, its general idea means spirits, but also it is "template of existence" that joints elements. Also, it is what metaphysical concept was made into as data, the information that carries energy, and/or the data obtained life. Not to mention, in order to spiritualize a single soul, it requires the enormous amount of processing capacity and memory domain even by using the clouded computing services. It is said that there is technology that simplifies those steps and spiritualizes souls by will. *4 A winner of the world game competition 2030 (A.K.A. VAMP: Virtual Arcade for Massive-multi Players). Also became notorious as a freelance cracker.
*5 The censorship system INQ-EXIT's forced version update was conducted in keeping with the basic OS version update. As a matter of fact, network connection that does not bypass INQ-EXIT is supposed to be invalid. Of course, there are some exceptional ways to access, but this update added tracking function for those exceptional accesses to INQ-EXIT. Literally speaking, INQ-EXIT is becoming" the inquisitor. *6 They were called Magi in the research lab.

Red-hot SCOOP

Exclusive interview with

Rin Tosaka

The Symbol of Resistance

We managed to obtain an exclusive interview with Rin Tosaka, who was an adviser of special technology for the data mining team that was destroyed. She is a magus of the modern-era and is also known as a hero of the Resistance, having participated in many liberation wars.

We'll get close to her true self, who is both wanted by the plutocracy as an international terrorist and applauded as a hero by the Resistance.

Interview : Jeremiah Cromwell / Photo : Marcus Bogard

– Thank you very much for joining us for joining us for interview today.

Tosaka: My master was persistent about this interview because it is a part of PR activities. So, I had to come here. I am getting paid for this, so I can't call it off.

– I see. You initially are a freelance engineer. It seems recently you are mainly working in the Middle East, but were you alright when hacking & cracking were attacked by NERO army?

Tosaka: I've detected Western European plutocracy' s attack, so I just fled to the safe place. I informed about that to my members, they prioritized equipment and data rather than their lives.

...I don't have to say the result, do I? Our roles are all different. The team operated to prioritize whatever is most valuable at the moment.

– What kind of activities did the data mining team do?

Tosaka: Co-research about the new form of hacking technology. I provided myself as the asset, and they provided the equipment.

– Could you be more specific?

Tosaka: The purpose was to establish a hacking technique to enter the Moon Cell Automaton. First of all, data mining was crushed because they found proof about the Western European plutocracy's moon development. The plutocracy must be annoyed because they found clues on how to invade the Moon Cell Automaton.

I just don't agree with the Western European plutocracy.
Even if I wasn't hired by the Liberation Front, I will definitely be opposing them in my own way.
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– So, did the Western European plutocracy try to eliminate the data mining team with technology?

Tosaka: The Western European plutocracy intended to invade the Moon Cell Automaton, but their technology stopped advancing thirty years ago. There is no way to access the Moon Cell except for physical contact. That's why they had to actually go to the moon's surface and try to establish a direct connection to the Holy Grail. But, we have a different route. As you know, the Moon Cell created the reverse assembly and connected it to almost the entire network on Earth. Via the network, it's possible to login as long as there is a way to access by virtualization.

– Virtualization... is thaumaturgical theory that was openly believed back in the late 90s, right?

Tosaka: That's right. Intervention by the traditional programs can't keep up with the Holy Grail's processing speeds. It is impossible to do indirect intervention even if we used the entire processing capacity of cloud computers on a continental scale. The only way to access the Holy Grail via network is to virtualize souls themselves. Therefore, people who can do such things – magi – are the only ones who can access the Holy Grail.

– Does the Western European plutocracy know about it?

Tosaka: Yes. That is why they dig up and arrest those magi who are not registered with them because they don't want those magi to enter the Moon Cell without them knowing it. In other words, the only things they don't control are the hackers of magi level even though they have everything else. The Western European plutocracy doesn't like me either. Since the Liberation Front hired me, I just want to do my part successfully and surpass their expectations.

– Do you see they intend to have a war against the Western European plutocracy?

Tosaka: It would be better not to have a war due to the waste of resources. I don't like the way the Western European plutocracy handles things. Even if I wasn't hired by the Liberation Front, I am certain that I would be against the plutocracy in a different way. I heard now I am wanted internationally, but whatever, they'll have to wait, as the fight has moved away from Earth and gone to the moon... To the Moon Cell itself. And, there are a lot of hackers of magi level besides me. I am sure that they are in an uproar now because a way to login to the Holy Grail was revealed before I started having this interview.

If you think you should get out of the overly managed and oppressed world, you are probably right.

– You are talking about the document that the censorship network is in a huge panic over, right? You are saying that what's written on the document is correct?

Tosaka: That is what the data mining team and I took three years to put together. Not anyone can use the information effectively though. But, I believe those hackers who practice a brand new type of infiltration tactics... The superior magi can make it happen.

– We would like to support you by spreading this interview all over the world. Thank you very much for today. We wish you the very best.

遠坂凛 RIN TOSAKA

She is primarily a freelance engineer though she is also a magus of the rare "Five Elements" with various skills such as hacking and data mining. Her activity can be observed mainly in the Middle East. The rest of the Tosaka family was destroyed in the 90s.

Rumors about cyber ghosts float around the underground...

Is it just urban legend that cyber ghosts appear in the network, the sea of unreality?

Or is it a paranormal phenomenon that is beyond our understanding?

What is the true form of the ghosts that are making a sensation on the internet?

CYBER GHOST

There are pervasive rumors going around the underground community. They are about the existence of cyber ghosts.*1

It is said that those who own superior magic circuits*2 can conduct activity as "unique data" in the virtual world. Especially those advanced spirit hackers with the skills to reproduce the human body in reality*3 as a sentient data form.*4

However, for those people, the more power they have, more they tend to become an evil spirit... A cyber ghost after death. Even though souls and memories are physically deleted, the created pathways themselves keep living and take on a life of their own. It is extremely difficult to reproduce personality using sentient data even though various kinds of super computers are used due to their processing speed capability and physical limitation.

It is true that the large, more advanced program became easier to complete because of the dramatic expansion of processing capacity on the whole, as a result of improvements on the network infrastructure that has been quickly growing since the 2010s as well as the overload decentralization*5 of most processing and computing capacity.

If that's the case, the rumored cyber ghosts could possibly be capable of existing.

Below are some of the major rumors going around.

CASE 1

We heard that the novelist who is one of the creators of the virtual experience game service called "Heaven's Feel Online," played by 20 million people all

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*1 Cyber ghosts are remnants of personalities (personal data) that wander about the sea of massive processing and computing capacity, which is brought about by a net of several hundred million small computers which support the network infrastructure.
To define it in more detail, it refers to the phenomenon of personalities (personal data) that has been dispersed and reproduced on the net, that do not stop making autonomous actions. Put simply, a copied soul will retain the consciousness of its owner after their death and continue to live on.

*2 The quality needed to spiritualize one's soul. It is said to be an innate characteristic that is inherited as a hereditary trait, and is unable to be obtained through training. In a world where magic, the essence of magi, is scarce, it has become a necessary ability for those who wish to be hackers or data miners. Hackers that can virtualize their soul and interact directly with the virtual world are called spirit hackers. It is said the more magic circuits one has, the fewer limitations they will have on them when acting in the virtual world.

over the world, has been seen appearing in it.

The creator went missing before publishing the highly anticipated latest version of "Moon Princess," which has been frantically sought after by game fans all over the world. This mysterious novelist, whose gender is still unknown, has been missing for more than 10 years and no one knows if they are alive or dead. Whether the character modeled after the short story writer that appears in "Heaven' s Feel Online" is the writer themselves or an NPC is shrouded in mystery, but at the very least, the administration company denies the NPC theory.

CASE 2

Jessica Hilton appears in the giant virtual dating communication service known as "Real Life."[6] Ever since the "Real Life" service had been started there have been eyewitness accounts of her at every conceivable place and time. The rumor has persisted that it seems she exists 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in the virtual world. There is a theory that she is an NPC prepared by the managing company, but they deny the existence of such an NPC.

CASE 3

There is a rumor that ghosts of the citizens of an experimental above-sea city that had been destroyed by a large-scale disaster last year (there were no survivors) have appeared in various virtual reality services.

CASE 4

There is a man dressed in white that is being talked about by hackers specifically. The man is said to appear when one has been connected to the net for an extended period of time. He speaks to users with a gentle tone of voice, and beckons them to become a participant in the "Holy Grail War." It is unknown just what is meant by the "Holy Grail War" that the man in white speaks of.

There is the viewpoint that claims it is okay to pass all of this off as fairy tales or urban legends. Development of autonomous AI, or true man-made intelligence, has been halted for some time, and humankind has abandoned its completion. But, pseudo, limited man-made intelligence (AI) development had rapidly progressed in the generational timeframe when there were incredible networking advancements, in particular, significant advancements in romantic simulations."[7]

The flooding of such advanced service programs into the networks became intertwined with the urban legend of cyber ghosts... Unable to deny its possibility any longer due to technologically stagnate scientific progress, as there is now a complex, advanced ocean of networks available, it cannot be said that they do not exist.

glossary

*3 The soul, the true nature of something. Qualia that has been made into data. The ether that suffuses every particle of a unique plane of existence. The conscious experience of a virtual world reproduced from sentient data is so real, it cannot be told apart from reality.

*4 Most of the many services in the virtual world that make use of sentient data give a conscious experience through the use of a previously prepared avatar. As the sentient data of the body and soul are required to reproduce a body from reality, the work involved is extremely difficult for normal people and costs too much.

*5 A commonly known concept, also called cloud computing, where an innumerable number of computers had been connected together on a scattered network all over the planet around the decade of 2030, which became capable of running programs of great diversity and high capacity.

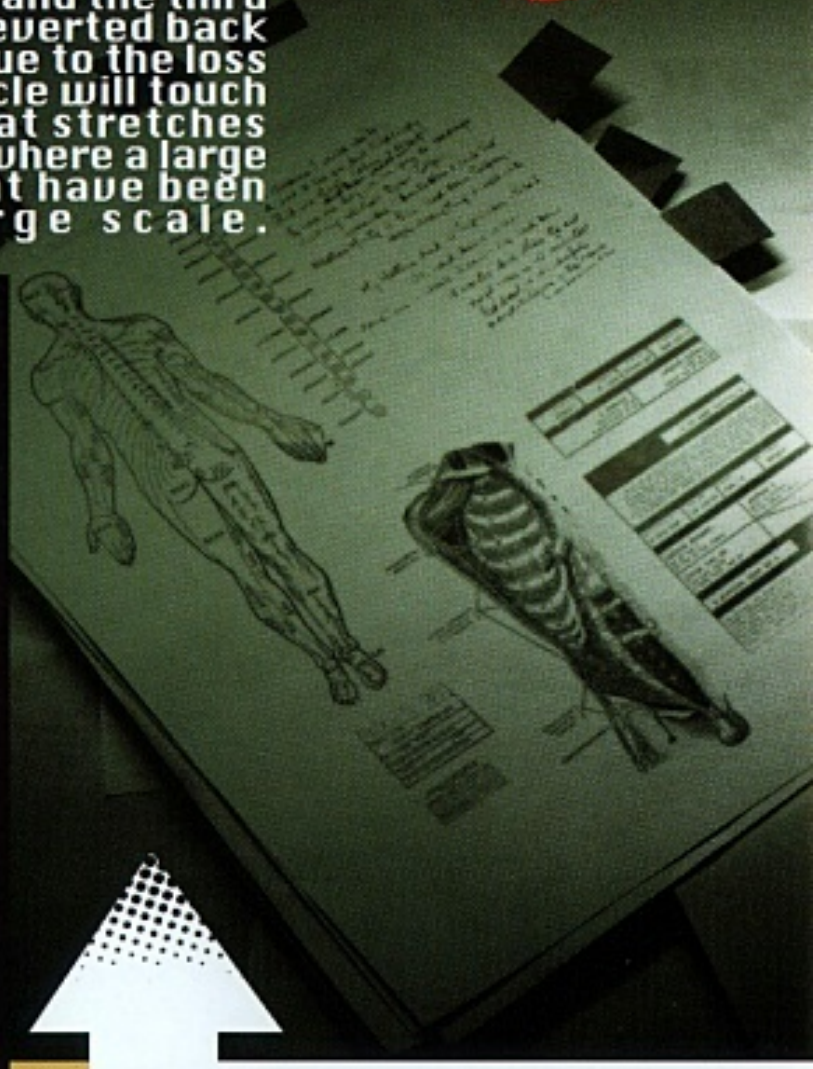
*6 A virtual communication service provided by Inrin Labs. After beginning the service in the year 2025, a gross of 35 million people have used it. Known for its high usage fee, it has been slanderously called the "Second Wife" for the percentage of users that are married. This is well known.

*7 Coming into the decade of 2020, 32.7% of the profitable romantic simulation services provided by pseudo-AI started becoming nationalized in all countries in the world (cited from the World Romantic Simulation Almanac of 2028).

Report from UNDER WORLD

It is said that the world can be split in two.

The peaceful yet stagnant world under the Western European plutocracy's administrative management*1 and the third world countries*2 that have reverted back to a technological Dark Ages due to the loss of their government. This article will touch directly upon the shadow that stretches across the African continent, where a large market exists for clones that have been constructed*3 on a large scale.



*1 The Western European plutocracy formed an alliance with the leading countries of the world to uphold a set of strict regulations on the usage of resources. There are 48 countries that participate in NERO, under the Western European plutocracy's leadership. It is said that those 48 countries make up 67% of the world's economy, and 90% of the entire world's military force. In fact, what is meant by the "world" usually refers to the various countries under the management of the plutocracy.

*2 Often refers to the boundaries/states that do not fall under the Western European plutocracy's rule. The Middle East, where the Liberation Front is most active, Northern India, the east coast of China where the plutocracy's influence is thin, and particularly, the African continent, which is said to be the null zone where both sides frequently clash.

*3 Under International Agreement 404 under the Western European plutocracy, all creation of clones has been ordered to cease. Federal and state laws in most nations around the world prohibit it as well.

This is a fragment of a report on clone manufacturing, discovered from a covert investigation on the Atlas Institution. It is claimed to be proof of illegal genetic modification activities.

[Truth behind the Atlas Temple]

The Shadow on the African Continent The Secluded Atlas Institution of Today

Chasing the Shadow of Clone Manufacturing

On the African Continent, where Chinese Capitalism and the Western European plutocracy fiercely compete with each other, clone manufacturing and trading have often been the subject of controversy since the mid 2010s. It's conducted on the same scale as the slave trade in modern times and clones have been exported as merchandise not only throughout the African Continent, but also behind closed doors to several advanced countries, such as Europe, Asia and the U.S. It became as complicated as the exporting of arms which was prevalent in the 2000s. As it goes through several tens of countries and the source of the trade is carefully kept under wraps, the investigating authorities have yet to completely exterminate the network. The reality is that they haven't even been able to obtain evidence of its existence.

We have finally discovered, after conducting our own research, that the headquarters of the international syndicate that conducted clone trading was located in the Republic of Egypt. The African Belt – which includes Northern India, the Far East, locations in the Middle East where the resistance forces are scattered, the U.S., and other areas not under the influence of the Western European plutocracy – connects the Republic of Egypt and the Federation of Biafra."[4] The central force of the syndicate is based in this African Belt and the "merchandise" that was gathered in Egypt travels to the southwest through the Belt to be "exported" from the Federation of Biafra.

From there, it is then delivered to buyers all over the world through complicated routes, all the while hiding the original source.

It's been also pointed out that the Federation of Biafra is nothing but a puppet regime of the syndicate. As the Federation isn't a member of NERO, and they abandoned their rights to the mining of resources, there isn't a just cause for NERO to exercise military force on it. The reality is that they can't attack the Federation of Biafra on humane grounds since the United Nations essentially no longer has any influence. More importantly, the Federation is one of the world's leading nations that reject the connection to the network in the modern days of 2030s. The only way to approach the nation is to surreptitiously enter it from the national border.

We decided to forgo research in the Federation of Biafra as the information is strictly controlled there, but instead to continue focusing on Egypt, which was essentially the pick-up station of the "merchandise."

As the result of our investigation, it turned out that most of the supplies for the enormous clone market had been produced within the African Continent.

An extremely strange organization emerged from among the most prominent buyers in the African Continent; the organization was called the Atlas Institute.

A picture that was successfully captured during the undercover investigation. The girl on the floor was connected to a machine, and just lay there listlessly.

Unexplored Region of Modern Times, the Atlas Institute

The origin of the Atlas Institute goes way back. It's an organization consisting of a number of groups of heterodox scientists who refer to themselves as the "forefather of thaumaturgy," which used to be an organization of alchemists, and is still remains active. They

discipline themselves with their unique doctrine and therefore normally don't attempt to come in contact with the outside world.*5

Dark rumors endlessly swirl about the Atlas Institute. For example, it's been said that they purchase clones in bulk to raise them within a facility they own, where several modifications are performed on their bodies. Furthermore, the rumor has it that they make several demands of the creators that require a genetic level of modification to the "merchandise."

According to the documents we obtained, the Atlas Institute started involving themselves in clone trading in the year of 2021. They purchase hundreds of "merchandise" every year, though in recent years the amount has been increasing.

We managed to take some photos of the inside the Atlas Institute Facility during our undercover investigation. What appeared to be an Indian girl was found casually lying on the floor of the facility, her bottom half entirely without clothing of any kind. She stared blankly back at the reporter with empty eyes and without the slightest hint of embarrassment. This picture is proof that the network of clone trading has expanded to every corner of the world.

Although it seems impossible to unravel the full scope of the clone market, as the result of our extensive investigations of purchase records from the Atlas Institute we were able to spot a specific characteristic that is commonly found in the "merchandise" they purchase; Atlas Institute mainly purchases "merchandise" which have a certain quality,*6 called magic circuits, implemented in them at the genetic level. Additionally, fragments of their purchase records also suggest that a clone manufacturing factory that supplies clones to the Atlas Institute also exists in the African Continent.

The clone market in the African Continent developed significantly to a level where it can meet both niche requests as well as large bulk orders, but due to all the aforementioned reasons, it's extremely difficult to eradicate it completely; Even if they violate International Agreement 404, as long as they hold no resource mining rights, the Western European plutocracy are unable to exercise military force on them.

While many nations have been oppressed, and many human rights have been trampled upon by the Western European plutocracy, in the continent of shadow beyond their reach, heinous deeds that can threaten the sanctity of life itself have been prevalent. Neither the Western European plutocracy nor those of us here have found the solution to this problem yet; however, we're not about to turn a blind eye. We're determined to continue our investigation, and keep reporting what we uncover.

*4 A small country founded in the southeast part of Africa in 2016, it's been internationally suspected that it may be a puppet regime of the syndicate.

*5 Atlas Institute is usually concealed in the shadows of history. According to their doctrine, there's something called thaumaturgy that controls magic that resides in nature and space. They claim that there used to be a large number of magi throughout the world. However, as magic has been depleted from all over the Earth, the Atlas Institute insists that they're now the only ones that possess knowledge and technology that are equivalent to thaumaturgy. Objectively speaking, they may be as good as scientists, but, possibly due to their unique doctrine they practice, they barely come in contact with the outside world. They're essentially non-existent in the official history.

*6 A sensation that allows one to recognize his/her spirit as a form of qualia, and convert it into data. It is an inherent physical characteristic that can't be acquired through training.

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